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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Amber Sherman, of Baraboo, Wisconsin, DOB 7/24/80, was sentenced on June 9, 2005, by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 5 years probation for passing counterfeit checks. Judge Shabaz ordered that Sherman pay \$6,734.59 in restitution and also ordered that she serve the first four months of her sentence at a halfway house. Sherman pleaded guilty to this charge on March 30, 2005.

Sherman was found to have counterfeited and cashed 20 checks at numerous retail outlets in Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, Portage, and Madison between August and September 2004.

The charges against Sherman were the result of an investigation conducted by the Baraboo Police Department and the Reedsburg Police Department. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Paul W. Connell.

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